

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE; COMMENDING AND HONORING NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE FOR ITS PAST SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE AND ITS CONTINUING CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOT ONLY THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IDAHO, BUT TO THE ENTIRE STATE AND THE REGION, AS AN ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTION AND AS A CENTER FOR CULTURAL EXPRESSION THROUGH THEATER, ART AND MUSIC; AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE MANY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SUPPORTED AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE, DILIGENTLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, North Idaho College has now been in existence for over seventy-five years; and

WHEREAS, what is now North Idaho College was begun in June of 1933, when Moritz Brakemeyer presented the concept for a junior college to the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce directors; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 1933, supporters of the College went door-to-door to solicit financial support and to recruit potential students; and

WHEREAS, the Coeur d'Alene Junior College opened its doors for classes on the top floor of the Coeur d'Alene City Hall on September 18, 1933, with an enrollment of seventy-four students in the first semester; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature passed the Idaho Junior College Bill in 1939, giving the College's Board of Trustees the authority to levy a property tax. In response, the Kootenai County taxpayers enthusiastically endorsed the College on June 2, 1939, with property tax support and a new name, North Idaho Junior College; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the College changed its name to the present, North Idaho College; and

WHEREAS, the College signed the Nine Point Agreement with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in 1997, to establish a relationship honoring diversity, education, tribal history and tribal contributions to the region; and

WHEREAS, the College has been ably served by eight dedicated presidents since its inception in 1933: Moritz Brakemeyer (1933-1935); Orrin E. Lee (1935-1944); George Kildow (1944-1962); Perry Christianson (1962-1968); Barry Schuler (1968-1986); C. Robert Bennett (1987-1997); Michael Burke (1998-2007); and currently, Priscilla Bell; and

WHEREAS, the growing College moved to its present location, the former site of Fort Sherman, in 1949, and subsequently acquired some 3,400 feet of waterfront on the shores of the Spokane River and Lake Coeur d'Alene in 1977, which secured public access to the beach for generations to come; and

1 WHEREAS, the growth of the College is evidenced by the construction of a number of
2 buildings that have been named after its loyal and ardent supporters, including: Lee Hall, the
3 College's main classroom building, built in 1949, and named after former President Orrin Lee;
4 the Edminster Student Union, opened in 1961, and named after Anna R. Edminster; a library
5 wing opened in 1962, and named after former President George Kildow; the Shepard/Gridley
6 Dormitory, opened in 1963, honoring two local families who have supported the College with
7 dedication; the Hedlund Vocational Building, named after Idaho Representative Emery Hedlund
8 and opened in 1976; Boswell Hall, begun in 1979, and named after Joyce Boswell, a longtime
9 College instructor; Molstead Library, opened in 1991, and later named in honor of Jessie Mol-
10 stead, a pioneer resident of Kootenai County and a local elementary school teacher; and the
11 Meyer Health and Sciences Building, named in honor of North Idaho College Foundation board
12 member Steve Meyer and current trustee Judy Meyer, which opened in 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, the College has reached out to serve Northern Idaho by opening the 38,000
14 square foot Workforce Training Center in Post Falls in 1994, and by establishing outreach cen-
15 ters in Sandpoint in 2000, in Kellogg in 2005, and in Bonners Ferry in 2006; and

16 WHEREAS, as of 2008, the College had an enrollment of nearly 14,000 students in col-
17 lege transfer, professional-technical, workforce training and adult basic education programs.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of
19 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein,
20 that the North Idaho College is commended and honored for its past seventy-five years of ser-
21 vice and its continuing contributions to not only the people of Northern Idaho, but to the entire
22 state and the region, as an academic and vocational training institution and as a center for cul-
23 tural expression through theater, art and music.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Legislature hereby expresses its apprecia-
25 tion to the many individuals and businesses that have supported and continue to support North
26 Idaho College, diligently and enthusiastically.